

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 8, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 2, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 8, 2009 in the amount of **\$222,568.45** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 2 - April 7, 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS:

- none -

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 552,266.40 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

None

7. RESOLUTIONS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council hereby adopts the policy on insurance for events as attached.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request by Councilor Kelly therefore the Common Council hereby agrees to sponsor the Earth Day event at the Farmer's Market on April 25, 2009.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Valentine
Discussion:
Councilor Kelly said there will be a number of activities and he strongly encourages the City to sponsor it.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the City Engineer the Common Council hereby approves the award of contract #2009-04 "Ready Mix Concrete" to Graymont Materials at the estimated cost of \$35,196.00

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the Plattsburgh State University “Club Caribbean” the Common Council approves the proposed “Street Jam” parade to be held on April 18, 2009 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm on Rugar Street.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: Upon advice of the Corporation Counsel the Common Council finds that the action required to be taken by the City of Plattsburgh with respect to the closure of the Akey Road Landfill pursuant to an Order of Consent signed by the City of Plattsburgh on June 8, 2006 constitute a SEQR type II action under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 (29).

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the City Chamberlain the Common Council hereby approves of bonding in the amount of \$5,217,527.00 for the General Fund and the establishment of a capital project for the same amount as an addition to the 2009 capital expenditure plan in order to close the Akey Landfill by year-end 2010 in accordance with a signed consent order from the NYS DEC.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

Councilor Kelly said he hasn’t seen any information before tonight.

Councilor Calnon suggests he read it and not table it.

Councilor Jackson said we can not delay this, the cost has gone up to \$5 million from \$2 million.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the City Environmental Manager the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the application for the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the Akey Landfill.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the City Engineer the Common Council hereby awards Contract # 2009-05 "Furnishing of One Used Type III Ambulance" to North Eastern Rescue Vehicles at a total cost of \$25,000.00.

By Councilor Rabideau; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the City Chamberlain the Common Council hereby approves of bonding in the amount of \$1,504,000 for the General Fund and the establishment of capital projects for the same total amount as the specific amounts requested in the 2009 capital expenditure plan providing funds for the \$380,000 planned for Storm Sewer Construction, for the \$805,000 planned for Street Resurfacing and Improvements, for the \$202,000 planned for Public Service Building Improvements, and for the \$117,000 planned for Public Service Equipment purchases.

By Councilor Kelly; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request of the Superintendent of Recreation the Common Council hereby approves the conversion of two Seasonal Laborer positions into one year-round Laborer position.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Calnon

Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said he is hesitant and wants to hold this request until the next budget.

Councilor Kelly said he can not support this because of the layoffs and vacant positions already.

Mayor Kasprzak asked Steve Peters to explain moving two 6 month positions into 1 fulltime position.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(Councilors Carpenter, Kelly and Rabideau voted in the negative; Councilors Calnon, Valentine and Jackson voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

Follow up Action: Will be put on the agenda next week.

K. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the Chief of Police therefore the Common Council authorizes the Police Department to file an application for COPS Funds, that in conjunction with the Plattsburgh City School District, will provide an in-school Officer for 4 years at no cost to the City.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUESTS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request from the Police Chief therefore the Common Council approves the travel of Lieutenant Patrick Rascoe and Sergeant William Plympton to Verona, NY from April 27-30, 2009 to attend the "2009 New York Tactical Expo and Conference" at a cost not to exceed \$1,296.98 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Calnon; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. APPOINTMENTS

A. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BONNER TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER EFFECTIVE THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2009.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

B. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER SADIQ TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER EFFECTIVE THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2009.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

10. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

1. Request from the Community Development Office that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the 2009 CDBG Grant Application along with all required certifications.
2. Request from the City Chamberlain that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for 2008, 2009, and 2010 Professional Auditing Services.
3. Request from the Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi to fill 2 vacant positions
4. Request from the Recreational Superintendent to reconsider the 2 seasonal positions.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Jackson thanks Councilors Kelly and Valentine for attending the door to door last Sunday as well as Chief Williams.

Councilor Valentine reminds everyone that Clean Up Day will be on May 2nd.

12. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Motion to Adjourn:

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:12 pm